

JESSE BOND.

In the first company of pioneers to this valley in 1860 was Jesse Bond. He was a single man at that time, but he took up a claim and put in a crop of grain. He was a member of the

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Jesse Bond (familiarly called Uncle Jesse), the son of James and Sarah (Card) Bond, was born at Huntingford, Gloucestershire, England, Feb. 27, 1832. He married Sarah Adams, daughter of Samuel and Bessie Adams, Sept. 24, 1861. Came to Heber City in the spring of 1859.

In 1844, he became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In Dec. 1854, he set sail for America on the Clara Wheeler ship. After six weeks voyage, they landed in New Orleans, later going to Mormon Grove. In July 1855, he,

with others, started across the plains with ox teams, arriving in Salt Lake on Nov. 13, 1855. In 1857, he moved to Provo. Quoting his history, he says: "At the time of the trouble in Utah in 1857-8 when Johnston's army was on its way to Utah, I, along with many others, was called out to defend our homes, being stationed in and around Echo Canyon, Summit County. In the spring of 1859, I went up into Provo Valley (now Wasatch County) and planted wheat, remaining in the valley until the fall of 1859. In the spring of 1860, I made my home in Heber City. May 1861, I drove an ox team to the Missouri River and back to assist a company of saints across the plains, four of the saints being assigned to my wagon. One of the four afterwards became my wife. On Sept. 24, 1861, I married Sarah Adams, daughter of Samuel and Bessie Adams. I made six trips across the plains to Omaha to purchase merchandise for the people of Heber. During the early settlement of Heber, I passed through much Indian trouble, notably the Black Hawk War. Also the grasshopper trouble when they ate so much of our crops that it was hard to obtain a living."

Parents of nine children: William J., Mrs. Fred W. (Jane) Giles, Frank, Joseph T., Mrs. George A. (Dora) Wootton, Mrs. George E. (Minnie) Littlewood, Mrs. Thomas H. (Gertrude) Crook, Zina, Mrs. Wesley V. (Lacy) Duke.

Jesse died Dec. 17, 1916. Sarah died Dec. 1, 1908.

In 1874 myself and family cared for the "Old Hall," later known as the Second Ward meeting house, and did so until it was vacated and the meetings were held in the newly erected Stake House. Then we cared for that building until 1909, having had them continuously for 35 years. During this time, my wife baked the bread for the Sacrament for Sunday School and Sacrament meetings.

surveying party of the previous year and assisted as one of the chainmen.

Jessie Bond has served as pound-keeper of Heber for a period of 33 years, and for a number of years served as district poundkeeper with jurisdiction extending to the county limits. He has been janitor for the church for more than thirty years, beginning when the Heber hall was completed and has continued in the service ever since. Mr. Bond has received many flattering compliments from the higher ecclesiastical authorities as well as from the local church leaders and the people generally for the cleanly manner in which he has always kept the meeting house and for the efficient service he has rendered.

Mr. Bond was a son of James and Sarah (Card) Bond. He was born in Gloucestershire, England, February 27, 1832. He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the age of thirteen. Late in the fall of 1854 he started for America, reaching Salt Lake City November 13, 1855. In 1861 he went back to the Missouri river in an ox train to bring in his brother and sister, and on the return trip he became acquainted with Miss Sarah Adams, whom he married soon after their arrival at Provo. They were married September 24, 1861 and soon after came to their home in Heber. They were blessed with a family of nine children, seven of whom are living.

Mr. Bond made a second trip "to the States," as it was called in the early days, and brought in a load of stoves. He made this trip with oxen between seed time and harvest, having planted his grain before starting and returning in time to harvest the crop in the fall.

Mr. Bond is a highly respected citizen of this community, being of a quiet, inoffensive nature. He is honest and industrious and always attends to his own business, leaving others to manage their own affairs.